

millions are of small avail to alleviate the tortures of the gout, to repair the broken organs of sense, or resuscitate the powers of digestion. Poverty is, indeed, an evil from which we naturally fly; but let us not run from one enemy to another, nor take shelter in the arms of sickness.—Johnson.

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There is this difference between the two temporal blessings—health and money; money is the most envied, but the least enjoyed; health is the most enjoyed, but the least envied; and this superiority of the latter is still more obvious when we reflect that the poorest man would not part with health for money, but that the richest would gladly part with all his money for health.—Colton.

## LETTERS

**Subject: Address by John W. Cline, M. D., of San Francisco.**

(COPY)

February 21, 1940.

Dr. John W. Cline  
490 Post Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor Cline:

The meeting of the Down Town Forum last evening here in San Francisco was an enthusiastic and helpful one. The audience enjoyed your presentation thoroughly, and I feel that a good deal was gained by many people who were seeking light on this whole question of compulsory health insurance.

I want to thank you for giving the time necessary in this connection, and I assure you that your efforts have brought forth full appreciation.

Trusting that on a future date we may again have the pleasure of your presence upon the platform, and with personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

(Signed): ARTHUR H. CHAMBERLAIN.

P. S.—Dear Doctor Kress: We appreciate greatly your suggestion of our securing Doctor Cline. He added greatly to the interest and enlightenment of the evening.

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Note: The above refers to the following meeting.

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PRESS RELEASE

PUBLIC FORUM AND SPEAKERS' BUREAU  
SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DEPARTMENT AND WPA  
EDUCATION PROGRAM OF THE CALIFORNIA  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

"Should we adopt compulsory health insurance?" was the subject of a discussion by Prof. Samuel C. May and Dr. John W. Cline at the Down Town Forum in the First Congregational Methodist Temple, Post and Mason streets, eight o'clock Tuesday evening, February 20. Admission free.

As Professor of Political Science and Director of the Bureau of Public Administration, University of California, Professor May is much interested in promoting legislation in the interest of compulsory health insurance, and has frequently been before the public in advocacy of such insurance.

Doctor Cline, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Medical Society of San Francisco, has frequently appeared as opposed to compulsory health insurance.

1157 Mason Street.

**Subject: The United States Pharmacopœial Convention.**

(COPY)

Convention for the Revision of

The Pharmacopœia of the United States of America  
To be held at Washington, D. C., beginning May 14, 1940.

February 14, 1940.

To the Editors of  
Medical and Pharmaceutical Journals:

Some months ago I mailed you an abstract of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Pharmacopœial Convention, setting forth the date of the next decennial convention and the list of organizations eligible for representation in the Convention.

In further compliance with the provisions of the By-Laws, another "Call" is enclosed and you are earnestly requested again to announce in your JOURNAL the date for the Convention, namely, May 14, 1940, and to urge eligible organizations and colleges which have not yet done so to send for credential blanks to the Secretary of the Convention, L. E. Warren, M.Sc., 2 Raymond Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

The Board of Trustees have asked that credentials be filed with the Secretary of the Convention by March 15, 1940.

Respectfully,

WALTER A. BASTEDO, M. D.,  
*President of the United States Pharmacopœial  
Convention of 1940.*

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February 14, 1940.

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the United States Pharmacopœial Convention, I hereby issue this second call to the several bodies entitled under the Constitution to representation therein to appoint three delegates and three alternates to the Decennial Meeting of the Convention for the Revision of the Pharmacopœia of the United States of America, which is to meet in Washington, D. C., on May 14, 1940.

WALTER A. BASTEDO, M. D.,  
*President of the United States Pharmacopœial  
Convention.*

NOTICE—In order that the records may be brought up to date and checked, that card files may be prepared, and that the other functions of the Committee on Credentials may be performed, it is desirable that the Credentials of all delegates appointed to attend this decennial meeting shall be in the hands of the secretary, Mr. L. E. Warren, 2 Raymond Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, not later than March 15, 1940.

**Subject: Affiliate Fellowship in the American Medical Association.**

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

535 North Dearborn Street,  
Chicago, Illinois, February 5, 1940.

Dr. George H. Kress  
Secretary, California Medical Association  
450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor Kress:

I have before me a copy of your letter of February 1, addressed to our Membership Department.

We do not have application forms for Affiliate Fellowship for the reason that nominations for Affiliate Fellowship must be made by the constituent state medical associations immediately concerned. The By-Laws of the American Medical Association provide that a Fellow who has been a Fellow for a continuous term of fifteen years,

who is not less than sixty-five years of age, and who is an honorary member of his component society and of his constituent association, or is connected with these organizations in an equivalent manner whereby he is relieved from the payment of dues or fees, on request of his constituent association, may be made an Affiliate Fellow by a majority vote of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.

If Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ is an honorary member of his component society and of the California Medical Association or is connected with those organizations in an equivalent manner, whereby he is relieved from the payment of dues or fees, and if his nomination is submitted by the California Medical Association, I shall be very glad to submit that nomination to the House of Delegates at the New York session in June.

With my sincere good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

OLIN WEST, *Secretary*.

**Subject: Malpractice insurance for a laboratory technician.**

(COPY)

February 20, 1940.

Dr. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, California

Dear Doctor:

Doctor Kress has sent me a copy of your letter of February 14, regarding malpractice insurance for your laboratory technician.

In applying for your own insurance you have, of course, informed your insurance carrier or carriers that this technician is in your employ and the nature of her work as an assistant in order that you may be protected from the result of any act or omission on her part. In the event of an error or mistake on her part she can, of course, be made a party defendant as well. I do not know whether the companies issue such a policy.

If you desire to protect your technician as against her own errors or mistakes for which she might be sued, I suggest you take it up with whatever company you have your own policy, and see if you can obtain such a policy covering her.

Very truly yours,

HARTLEY F. PEART.

**Subject: Questionnaire on nursing service.**

(COPY)

THE CALIFORNIA STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION, INC.  
OFFICIAL ORGAN

THE PACIFIC COAST JOURNAL OF NURSING

San Francisco, February 12, 1940.

Dear Doctor:

The California State Nurses' Association is making a study of sources for nursing services in the state, as part of a nation-wide survey directed by the American Nurses' Association. This survey is being made to determine what facilities are available and how these are being used to meet the needs for nursing care.

Knowing your familiarity with nursing needs in your area, we should deeply appreciate your coöperation. The week of February 18-24, inclusive, has been chosen as the period of time the survey will cover.

Will you help by filling in the enclosed form? Your answers will aid materially in securing factual data. May we suggest it will be satisfactory to have your office nurse fill in most of the data. However, there are certain questions in which we shall value an expression of your personal opinion. This will serve as a guide on which to base conclusions for future plans to make nursing services more readily available.

We shall appreciate receiving your reply by March 1.

A summary of the results of the survey in California will be made available to county medical societies.

609 Sutter Street at Mason.

Sincerely,

PAULINE W. GAGE, R. N.,  
*President, California State Nurses' Association.*

**Subject: Finnish Relief Fund.**

February 24, 1940.

*To the Editor:*—I wish, on behalf of Mr. Hoover and the members of my committee, to express through the columns of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE the appreciation we feel for the splendid response from members of the medical profession to our appeal for funds on behalf of Finnish relief.

If funds continue to come in as they have to date, we should realize between \$2,000 and \$2,500. It seems to me that this is a particularly splendid showing because an extremely high percentage of the members of our profession has already contributed through other organizations to Finnish relief. Could the sum of these contributions be added to those sent direct to my committee, the total would amount to many thousands of dollars. I feel very proud of the members of my profession for the splendid way in which they have helped, through our fund and through other organizations, in the magnificent work for Finnish relief under the chairmanship of Mr. Herbert Hoover.

Very sincerely,

ROBERT A. PEERS, M. D.

**Subject: "Sobisminol" added to Schedule "C" of the California Poison Act.**

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

San Francisco, January 24, 1940.

*To the Editor:*—It has been brought to the attention of the California State Board of Pharmacy that the preparation "Sobisminol," which has been so highly publicized in the lay press, might fall into the hands of people desiring to use it for self-medication. With this obvious health menace in mind, the California State Board of Pharmacy is contemplating adding Sobisminol to Schedule "C" of the State Poison Act. This would require a prescription for each bottle of Sobisminol dispensed by the pharmacist.

The Board feels sure that the medical profession will approve of this action, but before we can take such action we must make a reasonable inquiry into the danger to public health of this drug. We would appreciate an expression from you regarding the toxicity of overdoses of bismuth preparations.

The Board was desirous of taking this action at its last meeting, but due to a lack of time for adequate inquiry

\* Owing to lack of space, the lengthy questionnaire cannot be printed. Members who are interested may obtain copies on request to address given.